

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 441
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. J. Deotha Malone for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee, and congratulate her on being named as the "Outstanding Municipal Legislator" of Sumner County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. J. Deotha Malone is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sumner County and a longtime resident of Gallatin, Dr. Malone is a highly respected member of her community; on January 26, 2000, she was named the "Outstanding Municipal Leader" by the Sumner County Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, an extremely motivated individual, Dr. Malone was recognized for her academic excellence by being awarded numerous scholarships upon graduation from Gallatin Union High School as her class valedictorian; and

WHEREAS, she continued her educational career at Fisk University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English and French, and a Master of Arts in Educational

Administration; in addition, she earned a Master of Arts from Tennessee State University in Adult Education; and

WHEREAS, she further pursued her educational goals at Alabama State University and received an Ed.S. in Adult Education and subsequently earned a Ph.D. at the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, she successfully completed postgraduate work at Tennessee State University, the University of Tennessee, Trevecca, Middle Tennessee State University, Notre Dame, Tennessee Tech, Emory University, Peabody-Vanderbilt, and the University of Bangalore in India; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Malone has received numerous accolades for her superlative accomplishments; she was invited to the White House by President Jimmy Carter to be a participant in briefings on community development; she was selected to be included in multiple honorary publications and biographies, and was honored as Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Masonic Lodge; and

WHEREAS, she was first elected to the Gallatin City Council in 1969; she has served with rare acumen and alacrity as an At-Large Councilman for 30 years, and as Vice Mayor of Gallatin for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, her outstanding political contributions in Gallatin include serving as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, and as a member of the Public Service Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Gallatin Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, she is also a member of the Gallatin Voters League, NAACP, the Advisory Board of First Independent and First American Banks, United Way of America, and the Cumberland Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her exemplary tenure in local government, Dr. Malone is currently the Supervisor of Secondary Education and Director of International Education for the Sumner County Board of Education, and an Adjunct Instructor at Volunteer State Community College; and

WHEREAS, she has been dedicated to improving the various educational systems provided for our children; she has stalwartly supervised and served on multiple committees including the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Education Association, and as a Trustee of Volunteer State Community College; and

WHEREAS, in both her educational and governmental endeavors, Dr. Malone has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deotha Malone's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Malone is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Deotha Malone is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Dr. J. Deotha Malone for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee. We congratulate her on receiving the "Outstanding Municipal Legislator" award of Sumner County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.